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Report from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhaut reports as follows: Week ended July 21, 1904. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; 1 death; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
July 17 20 20	Preston Belvernon Fort Gaines	Mobile, Ala	30 20 23	1 2 0	0 0 0	2 2 0

PERSIA.

Report from Teheran—Cholera—Relief measures.

Vice-Consul-General Tyler reports, July 2, as follows:

Cholera has made its appearance in Teheran, and, according to reports from various sources, appears to be spreading rather rapidly in the lower and less sanitary parts of the city. I am not yet in a position to provide statistics of even a comparative estimate of the number attacked or the proportion of fatal cases, but I have no doubt from the atmospherical condition which is high temperature, close and sultry, that the mortality is considerable.

In an interview yesterday afternoon with the minister for foreign affairs his excellency told me that a mixed sanitary commission of foreigners and natives of professional and lay members, was being appointed under the presidency of Doctor Schneider, a French physician in the employ of the Persian Government, to advise the authorities of measures to be adopted for coping with the disease and arresting its progress. He promised to give me a copy of the instructions of the commission as soon as the members are nominated.

I have just received a circular from the American missionaries informing the public that in case cholera assumes an epidemic form they propose to organize centers of relief in order to grapple with the disease. I inclose a copy of the circular which will indicate the means they propose to adopt. Only those who have had to struggle with the alarming visitations, with the panic and terror they inspire, can sufficiently appreciate the danger to which these gentlemen are exposed and the heroism, devotion, self-denial, and labor to which they consecrate themselves so as to alleviate suffering and save human life.

[Inclosure.]

TEHERAN, June 23.

In the event of there being a cholera epidemic in Teheran the American Presbyterian Mission propose to carry on organized relief work at four centers, viz, the American Hospital on the east side of the city, the central mission premises on the west side of the city, the Jewish quarter of Teheran, and in the village of Tajreesh. Each of these centers will be under the personal superintendence of one or more missionaries.